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**From:** Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 8:48 AM  
**To:** Frye; Ivy J (GOV)  
**Cc:** Michael A Tibblas  
**Subject:** Re: B&C

what are due dates here?

youth seat should obviously go to young people who have been supportive and on the same page with my agenda from months ago until now - we don't have to put strangers on that commission or any other when i'm still being told we have hundreds who have offered to help and have been there from the beginning.

i won't know the AWIB - ask todd and click and tara or whomever has been working on those names for the bd

same with MTAB - who's been strategizing for that one?

*Ivy Frye <ivy\_frye@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:*

Governor Palin:

If you feel up to going over some boards today, I was hoping to touch base with you regarding the following:

- 1) Final decisions on Children's Trust (whether you'll Privileged or Personal Material Redacted)
- 2) Privileged or Personal Material Redacted
- 3) Manna Transportation Advisory Board (MTAB)
- 4) Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB). The board I've been working with the Department of Labor on
- 5) Community Service Commission youth seat—I was thinking we could plug in one of the regent nominations you don't select?

Hey, if you have pipeline and/or budget items you want to focus on today, don't worry about it. We'll gat thasa squarad away next week.

Thanks,

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**From:** Ivy Frye [ivy\_frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 7:42 AM  
**To:** Spencer; Kari L (GOV); Janice L Mason  
**Cc:** Michael A Tibbles; gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Court Nomination Interviews

Kari and Janice:

- My office received the Fairbanks Superior Court nominations last week. The deadline for appointment is June 1<sup>st</sup>. I'd like to schedule one hour for interviews the week prior to the deadline (May 21-May 25). There are four nominations and individual interviews shouldn't last more than 15 minutes.
- Also, I received the Anchorage and Kenai District Court nominations yesterday. The deadline for appointment for each court is June 15<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to schedule 2 one hour interviews for each of the courts' nominations the week prior to the deadline (June 4-June 8). There are three nominations from Kenai and four nominations from Anchorage.

It's possible that Governor Palin will not interview all of the nominations, rather just the top candidates; however, I would still like to block an hour for each court just to be safe.

I am very flexible, and of course very aware of the busy schedules of both the governor and Mike. Please let me know how I can better accommodate this request.

Thanks for all of your help!

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**Subject:** Fwd: Kenai and Anchorage District Courts

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 8:49 AM  
**To:** Irwin; Tom E (DNR); O'tierney; Daniel P (LAW); Talis Colberg  
**Cc:** Larry Persily; Bishop; Samuel T (GOV); Rutherford; Marty K (DNR); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Craig J Tillery; Kristi Duff; Governor Sarah Palin  
**Subject:** Re: Conoco-Maratho/Natural Gas Exports

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Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is [jwkatz@alaskadc.org](mailto:jwkatz@alaskadc.org). Thank you .

>>> On 5/2/2007 at 12:44 PM, in message  
<s6384f8d.077@smtpa.law.state.ak.us>, "Daniel Patrick O'Tierney"  
<[Daniel\\_Patrick\\_O'Tierney@law.state.ak.us](mailto:Daniel_Patrick_O'Tierney@law.state.ak.us)> wrote:

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>>> John Katz <[jwkatz@ALASKADC.org](mailto:jwkatz@ALASKADC.org)> 5/2/2007 7:50 AM >>>  
We met this morning with Conoco and Marathon, at their request, to discuss their application to the Department of Energy for an extension of the current export license for Cook Inlet natural gas.

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Thanks for the update, all.

Sincerely,

Sarah

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Daniel Patrick O'Tierney" <Daniel\_Patrick\_O'Tierney@law.state.ak.us>

**Date:** Wed, 02 May 2007 08:44:42

**To:** "John Katz" <jwkatz@ALASKADC.org>, "Tom Irwin" <tom\_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us>, "Talis Colberg" <Talis.Colberg@law.state.ak.us>

**Cc:** "Larry Persily" <paper@alaska.com>, "Sam Bishop" <sbishop@ALASKADC.org>, "Marty Rutherford" <marty\_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us>, "Joseph Balash" <joe\_balash@gov.state.ak.us>, "Michael Tibbles" <michael\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>, "Craig Tillery" <Craig\_Tillery@law.state.ak.us>, "Kristi Duff" <Kristi.Duff@law.state.ak.us>, "Governor Sarah Palin" <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

**Subject:** Re: Conoco-Maratho/Natural Gas Exports

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Re: Sen. Green

Sean - between you and me, Privileged or Personal Material Redacted  
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**From:** "Lt. Governor Sean Parnell" <sr\_parnell@gov.state.ak.us>  
**Date:** Wed, 02 May 2007 09:17:08  
**To:** 'Sarah Palin' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
**Cc:** mike\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Sen. Green

Governor,

I ran into Sen. Green on the street (who has known me since I was a boy) and she said it would be nice to visit—so I invited her to my office at 10:00 a.m. Is there anything specific you want me to address or information you need clarified/verified from her?

Sean

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 9:26 AM  
**To:** PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Re: AGIA/potential amendments

Sounds good - running it by gas team today. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Lt. Governor Sean Parnell" <sr\_parnell@gov.state.ak.us>  
**Date:** Wed, 02 May 2007 09:13:41  
**To:** 'Sarah Palin' <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** AGIA/potential amendments

Just to let you know, Mike T. followed through again this morning by seeing me. He

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I'm going to

run this by the gas team this morning at 11:00 a.m. to see what elements I might be missing. I'll let you know if I have any other thoughts on this but I passed this to Mike and wanted you to have the same information.

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**From:** Sarah Palin [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 5:49 PM

**To:** Frye; Ivy J (GOV)

**Cc:** Michael A Tibbles

**Subject:** Re: FW: Aviation Advisory Board

what was the deal with Privilegtho? barber is the only one i know personally and i want him on it  
- don't know the others so are they good or bad?

*Ivy Frye <ivy\_frye@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:*

Update on Aviation:

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**From:** Ivy Frye [mailto:Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 5:15 PM

**To:** 'Paul Landis'

**Cc:** 'Leo von Scheben'

**Subject:** RE: Aviation Advisory Board

Paul,

Thanks for following up. Governor Palin hasn't made any final decisions on the Aviation Advisory Council, but we are nearing some announcements. I would say next week we will know more.

Thank you,

Ivy

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**From:** Paul Landis [mailto:paul.landis@alaska.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 8:59 AM

**To:** Ivy Frye

**Cc:** Leo von Scheben

**Subject:** Aviation Advisory Board

Hello Ivy,

Could you please give me an update on where Boards and Commissions are at with respect to the Alaska Aviation Advisory Board? I'd like to schedule a meeting sometime soon, but would like to see the future composition of the Board in attendance.

I understand that there are higher priorities for the Governor right now than fleshing-out Boards, but look forward to hearing some news from you soon.

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Thanks in advance,

Paul Landis  
Acting Chair, AAAC

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**From:** Ivy Frye [Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 12:08 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin  
**Cc:** Anna C Kim  
**Subject:** RE: suicide prevention

Thanks. I'll keep this on file. I looked up the roster and terms expire on this board in October. Suicide Prevention members also serve at the governor's pleasure if you want to make some changes before Oct.

Ivy

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**From:** Sarah Palin [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 27, 2007 8:35 AM  
**To:** ivy\_frye@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Fwd: suicide prevention

fyi  
potential bd member

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**From:** Kris Perry [kris\_perry@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'mike\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us'; 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'  
**Cc:** 'Meghan Stapleton'  
**Subject:** Kelsey

Mark wants to accept the position. He'd work in the Valley office a few days a week and in Anchorage two days. His primary functions would be constituent relations (in more of an outreach capacity) and communications. Colleen would work out of the Anchorage office. I have a mtg. w/Colleen (requested by her) tomorrow morning.

He would like to give one month notice. After which he needs to go back east for a week. So, we'd be looking at early June. Meg is okay with that.

Please advise before I proceed any further.

Kris

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**From:** Ivy Frye [Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 3:00 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin; Michael A Tibbles  
**Subject:** Priviled

Kris called today. She touched base with Privile He'd serve on the Health Council if you still needed him, but he understands if the board is already filled. Maybe he could be the honorary chair if there is a hold up there?

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**From:** Ivy Frye [Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 5:29 PM  
**To:** Sarah Palin; Michael A Tibbles  
**Subject:** FW: Aviation Advisory Board

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**From:** Ivy Frye [Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 11:32 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Michael A Tibbles  
**Subject:** Chris Hayes

Chris Hayes serves on the Human Rights Commission. This is a board where cause is needed for removal. There is a Human Rights Commission meeting tomorrow. The chair contacted me today to say that Chris' attendance is infrequent. Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

We have already removed her from AWIB b/c members serve at governor's pleasure.

Thanks,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 7:29 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Michael A Tibbles; Colberg; Talis J (LAW)  
**Subject:** ANC and KNI District Court Nominations

My office received the Anchorage and Kenai District Court nomination packets yesterday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Governor Palin has 45 days to appoint a judge to each of the two courts. The deadline is Friday June 15, 2007. I will set up time with Kari regarding interviews and begin some background checks/vetting today.

AG Colberg: I have a packet here for your review.

Governor Palin: I think you have some emails and/or names of endorsers you were going to send on to me.

Kenai District:  
Patrick Hammers  
Sharon Illsley  
Joe Montague

Anchorage District:  
Suzanna Cole  
John Damall  
Catherine Easter  
Richard Postma

Thanks,

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**From:** Kretzer, Annette (Dept. of Admin)  
[mailto:/O=DEC/OU=JUNEAU/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=ANNETTE\_KREITZER]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 3:56 PM  
**To:** 'Meghan Stapleton'; Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); 'mike\_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us';  
'john\_bitney@gov.state.ak.us'; 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Kim; Anna C (GOV); 'Jim Merriner';  
Brooks; Kevin (Dept. Admin); Bailey; Frank (Dept. of Admin); Petro; Rachael (Dept. of Admin)  
**Cc:** Galvin; Patrick S (DOR); Notti; Emil R (CED)  
**Subject:** Labor Rally May 3 in Juneau

GGU, Supervisors and CEA (ASEA and APEA) unions will have a "Show you Care" rally on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor outside deck of the State Office Building in Juneau Thursday, May 3 at noon. Concurrently, the National Day of Prayer will be happening on the Capitol steps.

I want to be sure you know that the State has been bargaining seriously and fairly. I have personally met with the Union leadership of ASEA and APEA and their bargaining teams to express that Governor Palin wants a contract and I want a contract. We want the best and brightest employees for the State, we are concerned about recruitment and retention and will be working to identify the factors contributing to this issue. I am not yet convinced that salary is solely responsible for the recruitment and retention pressures the State is currently facing.

A federal mediator has been meeting with our bargaining teams and the union bargaining teams this week. I believe progress is being made, based on the reports I get from our teams.

Let me know if you have questions.  
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**From:** Ivy Frye [Ivy\_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 11:57 AM  
**To:** Michael A Tibbles; gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** FW: Health Council

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**From:** Jackson, Karleen [mailto:karleen\_jackson@health.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2007 11:17 AM  
**To:** 'Ivy Frye'  
**Subject:** Health Council

Ivy -

FYI, my meeting this morning was trumped by AGIA (which will be the subject of today's press conference) - so I'm still on-call for a meeting with the Governor and Chief of Staff regarding my conversation with Ed before we have a final roll-out of the Council.

At least we have a sunny day in the meantime. More as things develop...

Karleen

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**To:** Sarah Palin  
**Subject:** RE: Kenai and Anchorage District Courts

I heard the same endorsement from Chuck Kopp today re: Pnville and Privileg

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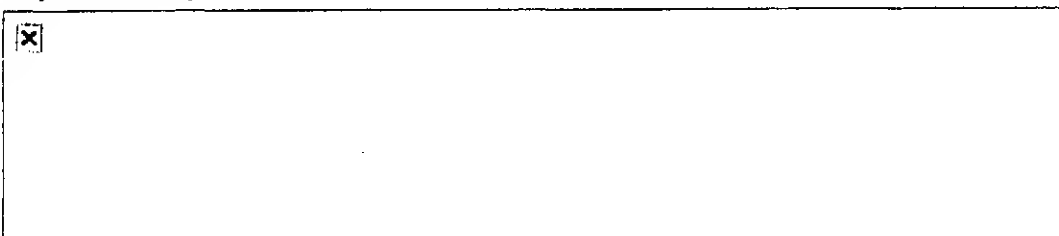
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**From:** Meghan Stapleton [meghan\_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2007 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'Sarah Palin'; S R Parnall; Tom E Irwin; Patrick S Galvin; Martha K Rutherford; Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbies; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); Clark; Christopher G (GOV)  
**Cc:** Sharon W Leighow; Meghan N Stapleton; Morgan; Katryn L (GOV)  
**Subject:** PRESS CONFERENCE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. RELEASE IS HEADING OUT THE DOOR IN ROUGHLY 30 MINUTES.

**Importance:** High



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**AGIA Team Discusses Must-Haves & Introduces Consultants  
 Releases White Paper  
 Prepares for Producer Media Blitz**

May 3, 2007, Juneau, Alaska – Members of the State's AGIA team held a press conference today to discuss AGIA's must-haves and introduce natural gas pipeline experts who serve as consultants to the State of Alaska.

"Nothing in AGIA or the process of AGIA prevents the producers from developing gas this very second," said Governor Sarah Palin, who is traveling today. "They are not. After 30 years, at today's projected gas prices, Alaskans deserve to have reasonable demands. The days of low expectations are gone."

"The state's must-haves either protect Alaska's financial future, or Alaskans gas needs, or are procedural in nature," said Department of Natural Resources Deputy Commissioner Marty Rutherford. "We know the producers are saying 'Don't use must-haves, let us tell you what you need.' To this day, we don't know which must-haves bother the producers. In all of our individual meetings with them and throughout public testimony, we have never been given the specifics of what they don't like – is it the jobs for Alaskans, gas for Alaskans, pipeline expansion opportunities?"

The twenty must-haves stated within AGIA fall within one of three categories: Protecting Alaska's Interests, Meeting the Needs of Alaskans, and Procedural. For the breakdown, please see the attachment entitled: AGIA Application Requirements.

Four natural gas pipeline experts and consultants to the State of Alaska are in Juneau answering legislator questions and providing testimony. They bring years of experience in the natural gas pipeline business. The experts helped the AGIA team with their expertise when AGIA was first put together and they continue to help the team to ensure that the process is commercially reasonable.

"We have experts with us, with decades of experience in the natural gas industry in all of

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North America, in particular with developments in the last 15 years where sharing the risk among different participants is commonplace," said Department of Revenue Commissioner Patrick Galvin. "Producers won't acknowledge or discuss these risk-sharing agreements, even though they are a party to many of them. These natural gas pipeline experts were hired to tell us how the real world really does work."

The experts are: Donald Shepler, Ken Minesinger, Scott Hobbs, and Bill Sparger. Biographical information follows:

Donald Shepler has approximately 30 years of experience in the natural gas pipeline industry as regulatory counsel for interstate gas pipelines. He was also counsel for the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee when that committee submitted comments and testimony to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. That work helped the State win some significant provisions in Order 2005.

Ken Minesinger has advised various natural gas pipeline companies and other clients before the FERC. He also is a past Chairman of the Antitrust Committee of the Energy Bar Association. Along with Mr. Shepler, he advised the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and authored two papers addressing the competitive problems associated with a producer-owned Alaska pipeline. He can speak directly to how AGIA helps solve many of those problems.

Scott Hobbs has 30 years of natural gas industry experience. Over the past six years, he has advised investment bankers, private equity firms, and other investors evaluating major projects, acquisitions, and divestitures involving oil and gas pipelines, processing plants, power plants, and gas distribution assets. Prior to that, he spent 24 years in the gas pipeline industry, including eight years as the Chief Operating Officer of a major pipeline company in the Rocky Mountain region.

Bill Sparger has more than 35 years experience in project management, design and construction of natural gas pipelines, compressor stations, and gas processing facilities. Most recently, he worked for Entrega Gas Pipeline Company on a large diameter natural gas pipeline project. He also provided initial project management oversight for a proposed 1300 mile 42" pipeline from the Cheyenne Hub to eastern Ohio. That project is moving forward today with BP and ConocoPhillips participation.

Additionally today, the AGIA team released its "White Paper on AGIA," which lays out seven popular claims / concerns raised by the producers. The state's AGIA team responds to each one in the document, which is attached to this press release.

With less than two weeks left in the session, the producers have purchased a media blitz attacking AGIA over the remaining days. The AGIA team will stand strong and committed to protecting the state's best interests and those of Alaskans.

"While we appreciate the heads-up on the coming media blitz, it is disappointing to me that the producers always resort to the same media campaigns time and time again," said Governor Sarah Palin. "They will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to convince Alaskans they don't need jobs or gas - that the producers don't need to give a timeline to the state. The bottom line is that Alaskans own the gas. I am confident Alaskans will see through the expensive media campaign."

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